Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to enquire into the matter and give a reply later on.

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* I do not think any useful purpose will be served by making an enquiry on that point.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know the stage of the trial of C.C. 447/18 at present ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* Notice, please.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* The answer to (*a*) is "yes". Is that case under investigation ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* The case is under trial. The petitions have been received.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* With reference to that petition that has been received, is it under investigation ?

Mr. President: To the question "whether petitions have been presented" he stated "yes". That question has already been put and he already answered it to a question put by another Hon'ble member.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* What is the offence with which the accused is charged in this case ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* Theft.

BELABOURING OF P. C. 1106—PALAYANNUR

13. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Palayannur Police did not register a case Crime No. 59/18 against some persons for having belaboured one P. C. 1106 Ittiyera on 15th Mithunam 1118 ;

(*b*) if the case was not charge sheeted, why was it not ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No cognizable offence was made out for the Police to charge the case.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know, Sir, how many days after the accused was first arrested that no cognisable offence was found out by the department ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* I think it was within a week after their arrest.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I take it as the definite information or approximate information ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* It is approximate information.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know in Crime No. 59 what was the offence under the Penal Code which was the subject matter of that crime ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* The report at the station was that it was for an offence of unlawful asssembly, assault and theft.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Was this P.C. 1106 on duty on the day in question. In this Crime No. 59.

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* At the time of occurrence he was not on duty.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether he was in his uniform at the time ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* No.

MOTOR BUS DRIVERS—LENGTH OF TROUSERS

14. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

whether the Commissioner of Police be good enough to reduce the length of the trousers the motor bus drivers are compelled to wear by way of cloth economy reducing it to the length to cover only the portion of the thighs just above the knees ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* This point was considered by the Transport Authority and was finally decided in favour of trousers.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know, Sir, whether in these days of cloth scarcity the Transport Authority will be pleased to reconsider the question ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* The point for consideration was that the State carriage being a public conveyance wherein ladies may have to travel frequently, the shorts were considered to be a form of indecent dress.

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Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know, Sir, whether the drivers do not sit in front of the vehicle and not in the back ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* Passengers also sit in the front.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What is the length of the regulation shorts for ladies and gents. Even ladies now wear shorts *(Laughter).*

Mr. President : Order, order. I do not think that question arises.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether these trousers were supplied by Government ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* No.

PROSECUTING INSPECTORS—APPOINTMENT—APPLICATION FOR

15. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state whether there have been any instance in the past two years of applications for the post of Prosecuting Inspectors being received by the Commissioner of Police and if so, will Government be pleased to state the number and the names of the applicants during the period ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* Yes. Five applications were received. The names of applicants are given below.—

1. Mr. A. Krishna Menon.
2. Mr. K. K. Sukumaran.
3. Mr. N. R. Shenoi.
4. Mr. P. K. Abdulla.
5. Sry. V. Lekshmikutty Amma.

Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon *(Ernakulam-Women):* May I know whether in the selection of the Prosecuting Inspectors, Government will be pleased to give preference to ladies ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* It is rather difficult to answer a question like that. Government have noted the suggestion.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know when this petition from No. 5 Sreemathi V. Lekshmikutty Amma was received ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* I am not very definite about it. It was about 9 months ago.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri) :* Have any of these 5 applicants been appointed as Prosecuting Inspectors after her application ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* Yes. Krishna Menon, Abdulla and K. K. Sukumaran are appointed as Prosecuting Inspectors.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri) :* May I know whether the conditions required for a Prosecuting Inspector's place had been satisfied in the case of No. 5 Sreemathi Lekshmikutty Amma.

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* The one condition which was not satisfied was that she was not a male. For entering into the Police Department even as Prosecuting Inspectors, there is a rule that only male members are eligible.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri) :* May I know what exactly is the work of the Prosecuting Inspectors ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* It is just the prosecution of police cases.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Are the Government aware of the existence of lady advocates practising both in the High Court of Judicature, Cochin, and also District Courts.

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Is the Government of opinion that any better qualification than those required for advocates in the High Court or District Court is necessary for the prosecution of cases before the subordinate Magistracy.

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police) :* No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri) :* In view of that answer, Sir, may I know why was not the case of Sry. V. Lakshmikutti Amma considered in preference to the 3 appointees mentioned in the supplementary answer ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* The appointment was based on other considerations also, and so the appointments went to these gentlemen on other considerations.

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